I feel that the rest of the world is going the way of No-Code and why should the United States be any different, when other countries have decided that there is no need for it any longer.

There is no major organization at this time that the code is used, be it the military or government agency. If the code is preferred by an individual let him or her continue to use it, but not deemed complusory by all.

I also feel at this time that for a person to achieve a higher class of license, that he or she should progress through advanced written theory in order to attain that higher class.

there should only be 3 classes of Amateur licence whatever name they are given. There should be No-Code, as it is outmoded by today's standards as many parts of our world, have already voted to do away with it.